

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

April 18, 2007
7:00 P.M.
High School Library

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING

Meeting called by:	Board President Phyllis Keeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library.
Roll Call	Was conducted by Board President Phyllis Keeler. A quorum was present.
Attendees:	Board Members Present: Phyllis Keeler Terry Ostrander John Sutton Cheryl Smith Joan Slagle Janet Glenn Scott Everson (Joan Slagle arrived at 7:15 PM during the Wellness Committee Report)
Pledge of Allegiance	was recited

Agenda Topics

Note Taker	District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, kept the minutes of the meeting.	
Additions to the Agenda	None	
Board Recognition	Odyssey of the Mind Team and Coaches	
Educational Presentation	A presentation was given by the Wellness Committee.	
Public Comment on Agenda Items		
Superintendent's Report	<p>Mr. Moses gave an update on the Strategic Plan for the district. Representatives met with the component groups in the district and they are in the process of compiling the information. One representative from each group will be meeting with the consultants to go over the information in early May. Other meetings will take place before a draft is given to the Board with their recommendations. Completion date is the end of June.</p> <p>The district is expanding their Summer School this year. Further information will be in the District Newsletter being sent to the community in May.</p> <p>The 2007-08 budget will be adopted later in the meeting. It reflects a budget increase of 3.5%, which is below the contingency budget percentage of 3.84. The tax levy last year was 6.5% and this year it is only 0.23%. Less than _ of one percent.</p>	

<p>Superintendent's Report (Continued)</p>	<p>In light of the recent shooting at Virginia Tech University where one student shot and killed 32 people including students and professors, and injured several more, Mr. Moses stated that the District and schools across the nation are looking at their current procedures to see if they are prepared properly in the event of such a tragedy. District Superintendents met today and the Administration is going to meet early next week to look at these procedures and make any necessary changes to what is already in place.</p>	
<p>Approval of Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Consists of: The Treasurer's Report for March, 2007. The Extra-Classroom Activity Acct. Treasurer's Report for March, 2007. Board of Education Minutes of the March 21, 2007 meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>Reports</p>		
<p>PERSONNEL</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a paid maternity leave of absence for Christine Bornt from her Social Worker position effective on or around May 1, 2007 until approximately June 13, 2007 and an unpaid leave of absence from approximately June 14, 2007 through January 31, 2008. Twelve weeks of this paid and unpaid leave will be applied to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Cynthia Bates from her Teacher Aide position effective April 6, 2007.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Sheila Snyder from her Bus Monitor position effective March 30, 2007.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Kelly McKinley from her Middle School Foreign Language Teacher position effective August 31, 2007.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>PERSONNEL (Continued)</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the permanent appointment of Thomas LaMoy to the position of Transportation Supervisor effective March 21, 2007 who successfully completed the required civil service exam for this position and moves from a provisional appointment to a permanent appointment at the same rate of pay.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Lisa Burroughs from her Bus Monitor position effective March 22, 2007 so that she can accept a Substitute Bus Driver position in the district.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Paula Canell effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Physical Education who has permanent certification in Physical Education.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Mariann Gribben effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Elementary who has permanent certification in Elementary.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Deborah Hutchinson effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Elementary who has permanent certification in Elementary.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Sara Wood effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Elementary who has provisional certification in Elementary that expires on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Jim Reynolds effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Science who has permanent certification in Biology-General Science 5-6 Ext.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>PERSONNEL (Continued)</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Mark Swain effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Business who has Provisional certification in Business that expires on February 1, 2009.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to David Fredette effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Math who has provisional certification in Math that expires on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to David Fredette effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Math who has provisional certification in Math that expires on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Lucas Snow effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Social Studies who has provisional certification in Social Studies that expires on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Jennifer Payeur effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Music who has initial certification in Music.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Kelly McKinley effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of French who has provisional certification in French 7-12 that expires on September 1, 2007.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Jessica Olbrycht effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Reading who has provisional certification in Reading that expires on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Francine Hoffman effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of Special Education who has permanent certification in Special Education.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried (Continued)</p>
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<p>PERSONNEL (Continued)</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award tenure to Andrew Huszar effective July 1, 2007 in the tenure area of School Psychology who has provisional certification in School Psychology that expires on September 1, 2009.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the emergency conditional appointment of Elizabeth Orzel as a Teacher Aide effective April 16, 2007 at a rate of \$7.36/hour pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried (Continued)</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the following substitute appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the emergency conditional appointment of Lisa Burroughs as a Substitute Bus Driver effective March 23, 2007 at a rate of \$14/hour pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. ▪ the appointment of Michael Spensieri as a Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher effective April 16, 2007 – June 30, 2007 at Step M1 of the salary schedule \$39,472/year pro-rated. ▪ the emergency conditional appointment of Ashley McChesney as a Substitute Elementary Teacher effective April 19, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. ▪ the emergency conditional appointment of Shannon Pike as a Substitute Teacher Aide effective April 19, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. ▪ the emergency conditional appointment of Kimberly Edwards as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker effective April 16, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. 	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>		

<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District extend the Memorial Day Holiday to include Friday, May 25, 2007 for all district employees provided that additional school closing days are available at that time.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the following propositions and include it on the ballot to be voted upon by district residents on May 15, 2007:</p> <p>Proposition #1: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to spend \$16,330,000 for general fund appropriations for the 2007-08 school year?</p> <p>Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to purchase one (1) twenty-two passenger school bus, two (2) sixty-six passenger school buses, and one (1) passenger vehicle and expend therefore a sum not to exceed \$270,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary and that such sum be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the district to be collected in annual installments and to issue obligations of the District therefore in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law?</p> <p>Proposition #3: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to transfer \$130,000 from the 2006-07 General Fund Balance (unappropriated, unreserved) to the Repair Reserve Fund to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements and equipment?</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: John Sutton Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>NEW BUSINESS (Continued)</p>	<p><i>There will also be the opportunity to vote for candidates on the Board of Education. There are four vacancies.</i> Two are for two-year terms of office and the other two vacancies are for four-year terms of office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One seat was vacated by Kristin Michaels in August, 2006 and filled temporarily by Terry Ostrander. There are two years remaining on this term of office. The term of office begins July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2009. It is for a two-year term of office. • One seat was vacated by Anne Valente in September, 2006 and filled temporarily by Janet Glenn. There are two years remaining on this term of office. The term of office begins July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2009. It is for a two-year term of office. • One seat is currently held by Phyllis Keeler whose 4-year term of office expires on June 30, 2007. This is a four-year term of office. The term of office begins July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2011. It is for a four-year term of office. • One seat is currently held by Cheryl Smith whose 1-year term of office expires on June 30, 2007. She was elected to fill Bridget Torres' remaining term. This term of office begins July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2011. It is for a four-year term of office. 	
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a Band Trip to Philadelphia, PA on April 4-6, 2008 or April 5-7, 2008 to visit various sites.</p>	<p>Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a Track and Field Trip to Westhampton Beach, Long Island on April 27-28, 2007 for a track invitational competition and aquarium visit.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: John Sutton Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve an 8th Grade Field Trip to New York City on Monday, June 11, 2007 to visit Rockefeller Plaza, Hard Rock Café and the South Street Seaport.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a Varsity Baseball Trip to Orlando, FL on April 11-18, 2008 to attend the Disney Wide World of Sports Spring Training 2008.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>NEW BUSINESS (Continued)</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept a donation of matting supplies with thanks and appreciation from Picture Perfect Custom Matting and Framing, POB 236, Galway, NY 12074 valued at \$1083.35 that were used by the art portfolio class at their opening reception for their gallery show at the Bottle Museum in Ballston Spa on March 22nd.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Community and staff members thanked the board for approving class trips earlier in the meeting and for staff development opportunities. The baseball booster club thanked the O&M Department for all their help in recent weeks.</p> <p>A community member asked to meet with the Board of Education regarding an issue he has as a concerned parent. The Board agreed to meet with him in executive session later in the meeting.</p>	
<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<p>Moved into executive session at 8:15 P.M. to review CSE/CPSE recommendations, to review a particular personnel matter and to meet with a parent as requested earlier in the meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>REGULAR SESSION</p>	<p>Moved out of executive session and into regular session at 9:39 P.M.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Adjourned at 9:40 P.M.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

**Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk
Board of Education**

